ABSTRACT

A memory apparatus, such as a memory card, comprising a first storage region and a second storage region. Data can be read from, and written into, the first storage region, in accordance with instructions made by a user. Data can be read from, and written into, the second storage region when a data-processing apparatus, to which the memory apparatus is connected, performs prescribed procedures. Data that should not be easily rewritten or read by users, such as a password or a use history, is stored into the second storage region. The security of the memory apparatus, such as a memory card, can therefore be enhanced.